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           THEIR USE AS VACCINES AND DIAGNOSTIC REAGENTS

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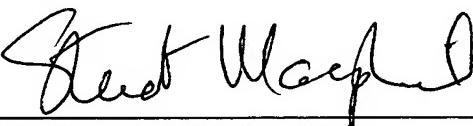
**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 29, 2005, be extended for three months to and including June 29, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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